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TO: Minerals File

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH*

RE: Site Inspection, Barrett Mines, Inc., S/053/010, Washington County, Utah

Date of Inspection: October 16, 1991, 1991

Time of Inspection: 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Conditions: Sunny, cool

Participants: Wayne Hedberg, DOGM; Larry Gore, BLM

The purpose of this inspection was to confirm the status of this proposed cyanide heap leaching operation. Upon inspection of the proposed mine site area, it was obvious that there had been no change since the previous inspection. No site disturbance has occurred at the mine site or proposed processing areas.

After visually inspecting the mine site area, we inspected the status of an adjacent disturbance allegedly caused by contractors for Barrett Mines. A road has been constructed and/or improved(?) which crosses BLM and State land. The road was created in 1990, for purposes of removing mining equipment from a previous placer mining operation located on BLM land in the Beaver Dam Wash area. No obvious change in reclamation status was noted since the fall of 1990, for the road or storage area located immediately adjacent to the Motoqua Road and just south of the proposed mine site area.

The road has received some unacceptable reclamation effort on the BLM affected lands. Reclamation efforts stopped abruptly at the apparent state section line. The operator was notified by State Lands and Forestry, a little over a year ago, that any unauthorized activity on this state section would require: 1) a permit or mineral lease; and 2) approval of the surface disturbing activity as well as reclamation of land affected. This has not been accomplished to date.

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The small storage area located immediately adjacent to the Motoqua Road shows very little change, since a previous inspection about a year ago. Pieces of mining equipment remaining on this site include; a trailer, a conveyor, a small trommel, sorted pieces of pipes, barrels, lumber, and assorted mining-related trash. It was noted that one or two items that were observed on the site during the last inspection were gone. It's not known if the operator removed them or if vandals had taken the materials from the site.

Approximately 1/2 mile down the Motoqua Road, towards the town of Motoqua, there remains on BLM land, a trailer house that has been completely vandalized that allegedly also belongs to Barrett Mining Company. Mr. Gore indicated they have been requesting it be removed by Mr. Joe Barrett, the operator, for some period of time.

Mr. Gore indicated the BLM has become quite frustrated in their efforts to get the operator to go back in and complete the required reclamation of the road that was created across BLM and State managed land. I indicated to Mr. Gore that perhaps a joint effort by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the BLM and the Division of State Lands and Forestry could help to get this reclamation problem resolved with the operator. I also indicated that the State may be able to require reclamation of the affected areas, to the satisfaction of all involved parties, prior to allowing the operator to initiate any mining related activity on the proposed heap leaching site. Mr. Gore indicated that there is an outstanding BLM Notice of Noncompliance that has not been addressed by the operator regarding this matter.

cc: Larry Gore, BLM  
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Lowell Braxton, DOGM

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